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Mr. Chris Brown
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Dear Mr. Brown:

I am writing in response to your letter of April 5, 1986, advising me of the complaint of your organization against my Department.

It is my understanding that members of your association believe that the government is not responding adequately to the needs of consumers sensitive to agents found in the environment, in foods, or in other products which come in contact with or affect consumers. As you are aware, my Department is responsible for the labelling of prepackaged consumer products other than drugs and cosmetics. Although it is impossible to require that all products divulge, on their packages or labels, all substances contained or present, it is possible to declare the presence of certain allergens or troublesome substances, which is actually the case. The applicable regulations come under the Food and Drugs Act and the Hazardous Products Act.

Officials of my Department would be prepared to meet with representatives of your association to discuss labelling concerns and problems associated with specific product groups or products subject to the Acts and Regulations mentioned above. I would suggest that submissions to my Department contain both the problem and the recommended

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As requested in your letter of August 29, 1986, a copy of your letter to me is being forwarded to the Honourable Jake Epp, Minister Responsible for Health and Welfare Canada, for his consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Monique Vézina

c.c. The Honourable Jake Epp, P.C., M.P.